

Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education

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Mr. Frank Longaker President 1813 East Main St. Salem, VA 24153

Dear President Longaker:

The Council on Postsecondary Education (CPE) has received American National University of KY, Inc. dba American National University's Supplementary Application for Notification of Change in Accreditation and Licensure Status Pursuant to 13 KAR 1:020 due to the U.S. Department of Education's decision on December 12, 2016 to withdraw federal recognition of ACICS as an approved accreditor.

The institution was granted provisional certification by the U.S. Department of Education for a limited period to permit the institution to participate in the Title IV, HEA programs. Per the institution's provisional program participation agreement (PPA) with the U.S. Department of Education, if the institution is not closing, then it must promptly seek a new accrediting agency. The institution has indicated that it is in the process of seeking a new accrediting agency. In addition, in the provisional PPA, the U.S. Department of Education cites the institution's failure to report adverse action taken by the Kentucky Attorney General's office ("Kentucky AG action").

This conditional license letter serves to replace our conditional license letter to the institution dated October 10, 2016.

In accordance with KRS 164.945 - .947 and 13 KAR 1:020 Section 7(1)(e), American National University of KY, Inc. dba American National University's license is conditioned upon the institution:

- 1. Providing CPE with updates as available and at least quarterly demonstrating the institution's progress toward accreditation with an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education until such time as the institution obtains such accreditation.
- 2. Providing CPE with quarterly updates demonstrating that the institution is in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education and its provisional participation agreement and addendum until such time as the institution obtains accreditation with an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and is no longer provisionally certified by the U.S. Department of Education. This includes, but is not limited to, a copy of its quarterly response to the U.S. Department of Education regarding the status of the Kentucky AG action.
- 3. Providing CPE with copies of any communications made from American National University of KY, Inc. dba American National University and its agents to faculty, staff, and students regarding American National University of KY, Inc. dba American National University's status with the U.S. Department of Education and the status of the Kentucky AG action.



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- 4. Continuing its obligation to meet the standards for licensure per 13 KAR 1:020 Section 8, including but not limited to maintaining its surety bond coverage for unearned tuition as calculated and verified by an independent CPA.
- 5. Providing any other updates upon CPE request.

Once CPE receives assurance that American National University of KY, Inc. dba American National University has satisfied these conditions, has obtained accreditation with an accrediting agency recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, and has been satisfactorily removed from HCM1 status and is no longer on provisional certification with the U.S. Department of Education as it relates to the Kentucky AG action, CPE will remove American National University of KY, Inc. dba American National University from conditional license status. A conditional license may not exceed two (2) years. Failure to satisfy the conditions in that time frame may result in revocation of the American National University of KY, Inc. dba American National University license or an extension of the conditional license upon request of the institution with supporting justification. Please be advised that per 13 KAR 1:020 Section 2(6), "[p]roviding false or misleading information shall be grounds for denial of a license, or suspension or revocation of an existing license."

In addition, continued from my October 10, 2016 letter, *American National University of KY, Inc. dba American National University* may not apply with CPE for any programs via a supplementary licensure application until such time as the university is satisfactorily removed from HCM1 status and is no longer on provisional certification with the U.S. Department of Education as it relates to the Kentucky AG action.

Finally, the Council will continue to monitor the Kentucky AG action, and depending on the outcome, the Council may take additional action at that time.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Sarah Levy, Director of Postsecondary Licensing, at (502) 573-1555, or email at sarah.levy@ky.gov.

Sincerely,

Robert L. King President

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